

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Diann Earhart and the 1998-1999 South Central Elementary School girls' team on winning the Class A Washington County regular season title and the Washington County Class A Tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of its outstanding athletic teams whose competitive spirit and sportsmanship serve as a model for all to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the great 1998-1999 South Central Elementary School's seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball team is clearly one such exemplary squad; coached by **Diann Earhart** this team has demonstrated tremendous skill and has been highly successful; and

WHEREAS, competing against much larger schools this valiant squad has 13 young ladies who play ball out of an elite number of 21 possible female participants in the school's seventh and eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, this excellent team traveled to Towering Oaks, where they were victorious in an invitational tournament, where they received considerable praise from both experts and fans; and

WHEREAS, despite their relative youth, South Central played with rare poise and determination, and won the prestigious regular season Washington County Class A title; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Lady Wildcats also recently won the coveted Class A Washington County Tournament, held at Sulpher Springs; and

WHEREAS, they have been very fortunate to have as their coach, the highly regarded **Diann Earhart**, who has carefully molded the natural talent of the squad into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of the team were: **Brenda Tapp**, who has been specially recognized with a place on the All-Conference team and as the Towering Oakes Invitational Tournament's Most Valuable Player; **Ashley Million**, member of the All-Conference team; **Ashley Hoss**, member of the All-Conference team and a member of the All-Tournament team for the Towering Oakes Invitational Tournament; and **Annette Hensley**, member of the Towering Oakes Invitational Tournament's All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team were: **Sheena Penley**, **Heather Bryant**, **Ashley Fender**, **Jessica Briggs**, and **Angie Hensley**; each of whom helped the squad in its efforts; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that the Lady Wildcats may be "small in stature, but they are big in heart"; each young lady has given 100% to her every game and to her team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commemorate a team which serves as a source of tremendous pride to their school and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Diann Earhart and the 1998-1999 South Central Elementary School's seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball team on winning the Washington County Class A regular season title and the Washington County Class A Tournament championship, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.